

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—If the Rules of the Civil service or their revision, is under consideration, my suggestions as detailed above may be kindly considered.

(d) Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(d) It is requested that the Assembly may be informed of the decision arrived at by the Government in the matter.

Reply of Government.—The subject is under consideration. There will be no Civil Service Examination this year.

SUBJECT No. 310.

Frequent transfers of officers.

Mr. K. Shamiengar, Channagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Officers who are posted to a taluk or district are not retained there generally till they get some local experience and do some useful work. As this is against public interest, it is prayed that such transfers may be put a stop to in future.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao.—Officials of taluk and district offices should be transferred every three or four years like the Amildars and higher officers. The present practice under which such officials remain during the whole of their service in one office is fraught with many inconveniences.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 311.

Appointments in lower ranks of service.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In regard to appointments in lower ranks of service within the gifts of the Heads of Departments, a rule may be issued to appoint only the subjects of His Highness the Maharaja and to apply for the special sanction of the Government in any case in which it is thought desirable to appoint an outsider.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 312.

Election of members to the Representative Assembly.

(a) Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

(b) Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality and M. C. Rangaiengar, Mysore Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(a) There are no definite rules for the election of representatives and each district has its own rules, so to speak. Cases of difficulty are considered and decided as they arise. It is desirable to have a set of definite rules on the subject prescribing the duties of members, the qualifications of electors and the manner in which the claims of shikmidars, hissedars and such like persons for a vote are to be decided.

(b) The qualification for voting and election to the Representative Assembly is the payment of prescribed revenues to Government. The rules of 1894 also insist upon that qualification. But in practice payment of revenue in the taluk is ignored and the persons holding khate alone to the required minimum whether they own lands or not, are considered eligible for voting and election. This practice cuts at the very root of the property qualification prescribed by Government. Instructions may therefore be issued that the payment of prescribed

revenue to Government in the taluk, irrespective of owning nominal khate must be the primary qualification for voting and election.

(c) Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality.

(c) For securing better representation of the educated classes at the Representative Assembly, property qualifications in the case of graduates of some standing may be removed or at least lowered. Property qualifications may continue to determine the eligibility of electors.

Mr. V. Raghavachar opposed this suggestion.

Reply of Government.—(a) and (b). The question is under the consideration of Government.

(c) Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 313.

The preliminary meeting.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present system of disallowing some of the subjects at a preliminary meeting held in districts has tended to take away from members the privilege of sending special subjects before the meeting of the Representative Assembly, thereby curtailing the privileges enjoyed by the members, which is a source of unnecessary trouble to them. The old system of sending subjects to the districts for submission to Government may be restored.

Mr. M. C. Rangiar opposed the representation. He considered the preliminary meetings as serving a very useful purpose.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 314.

Representative members to be allowed to send up supplementary subjects

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurthi Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Members of the Representative Assembly may be given an opportunity of sending up supplementary subjects at any time before the commencement of the session of the Assembly whenever a necessity arises to do so on account of fresh legislation or Government orders on important matters or other similar important circumstances.

Reply of Government.—Recorded. The present rules seem sufficient.

SUBJECT No. 315.

Exemption of Representative members from bringing certificates or other documents of identity.

Mr. Veene Rangawami Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the recent order requiring the Representatives to bring certificates or other documents to facilitate their identity is likely to entail some inconvenience and hardship to the members and is also derogatory to the dignity of the Assembly, the same may be cancelled. There was no difficulty in the identification of the members from the commencement up to this time and it is not understood why any such difficulty should be apprehended now.